**Fabric Challenge 2020**

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**What is a Fabric Challenge?**

A challenge is the opportunity to stretch your creative ability while working within the limitations of fabric, size, theme and time. It is a chance to do something you have never done before. Each person will have a different view of the fabrics and approach the challenge from their own unique perspective, based on their skills and preferences.

**Theme:** *Grand Entrance*!!

**Cost of Kit:** $10.00 for three fat quarters of unwashed Northcott fabrics.

**How to interpret the theme “Grand Entrance”**

This is an opportunity to let your imagination run wild

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. Quilt must be completely finished and submitted by **February 7, 2020**
2. There is only ONE category (please see additional notes for more info).
3. This challenge is opened to MQG members only and one entry per member is permitted.
4. Size of the finished quilt must not exceed 160” around the perimeter.
5. The quilt may be any shape (i.e., square, rectangle, oval, triangle or round)
6. All three challenge fabrics provided must be clearly visible and recognizable. Only the amount given of the 3 fabrics may be used. Unlimited amounts of other fabrics may be used.
7. Construction must consist of three layers: top, batting, and back. Item must be quilted.
8. All entries should have a 4” hanging sleeve attached to the back of quilt.
9. All techniques are acceptable: Hand, machine, embellished, paper pieced, etc.
10. Your name MUST NOT appear anywhere on the front or back of the quilt. Your personal information must be written only on the challenge entry form, enclosed in a sealed envelope and securely pinned to the back of the challenge piece.

**Additional notes:**

* Entries will be judged based on interpretation of theme, use of fabrics, workmanship and overall design. NOTE: Because this is a challenge sponsored by Northcott, MORE emphasis will be placed on the interpretation of theme and use of fabric than workmanship and design. We feel this will balance out the sewing skill level of the beginners and the more experienced. Bottom line – those that creatively use the challenge fabrics and interpret the theme will have more weight than making an amazing piece that has little to do with the theme and the challenge fabrics.
* All entries will be displayed at the ***Mississauga Quilts!*** show and returned to the participant at the end of show.
* You may use a commercial pattern directly or as inspiration – just be sure to give credit on your entry form.

**Any question:**

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**Suggestions for getting started:**

* Challenge yourself to think outside the box.
* What does the fabric suggest to you? How does the theme relate to you personally?
* Look through books, magazines and old photos, browse the internet, watch your favorite movies or be inspired by other quilt shows.
* Talk to friends.
* Try new technique or embellishment.

**Judging and Prizes:**

* Prizes: Entries will be judged by To be determined
* Judge(s) decision will be final.
* Three (3) CASH prizes will be awarded.
  + 1st place will receive $125.00,
  + 2nd place will receive $100.00 and
  + 3rd place will receive $75.00

The fabric for the challenge were generously donated by Northcott Fabrics.